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**Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza, currently operating in the Portland metro area and distributing to 46 states, needs a consolidated and more efficient production facility in a cost-effective location.**

## Pizza

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“The company was looking at multiple locations both in and out of state, and selected Redmond due to land availability, staff responsiveness, access to the Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone program, and the quality-of-life Central Oregon has to offer.”

As part of the recruitment, Wild Mike's is seeking a 15-year tax exemption on the value of the improvements (taxes on the land are not exempted). To receive a 15-year exemption, eligible projects must create a minimum of 50 jobs within 3 years of occupancy, at a compensation of 150% of County Average and invest at least \$12.5 million dollars — which this project exceeds.

The Enterprise Zone program is a locally sponsored, State statutorily governed pro-

gram that has been in existence in Redmond since 1988. However, this is the first project eligible to receive the Long Term Rural 15-year tax abatement.

“The city's job incentive program will help us realize our ambition of becoming one of America's largest pizza manufacturers, without having to leave the state where my family was born and raised,” said Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza President and CEO Steve Piazza.

“We are excited to build this dream in Redmond, Oregon and hire hundreds of new associates to join our team.”

Recognizing the length of this exemption, Wild Mike's has agreed to pay an annual community investment fee equal to \$618 per full-time equivalent jobs adjusted annually starting Jan. 1, 2022.

The CIF is expected to generate approximately \$70,000

per year.

City staff are recommending to City Council the CIF be directed towards public safety. Keeping public safety services (officers per thousand) at pace with population growth has been an identified goal for City Council and staff for many years. With the estimated cost to the General Fund for each new officer at around \$144,000 (salary, benefits, equipment), the ability to offset this through the CIF would free up an equal amount of General Fund dollars for other eligible services and investments.

The Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone agreement for Wild Mike's will be presented to Redmond City Council for approval on March 16. Following council approve, it then needs to be approved by the Deschutes Board of County Commissioners and the City of Sisters (who are also co-sponsors of the zone).

## Park

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Quartz Park will serve a part of south-central Redmond that doesn't have a community park nearby. The closest city parks — Hayden Park and Baker City Park — are about a mile and a half-mile away. And both are much smaller.

“The south (end of Redmond) has grown pretty dramatically, and that is one area we could definitely use more parks,” McVay said.

Mayor George Endicott agreed that Quartz Park will be in a great location. He noted that there are multiple apartment complexes that will soon be built nearby, including a massive development off SW Canal Boulevard about a half-mile away.

“We try to build (a park) within a half-mile of every home,” Endicott told The Bulletin on March 3. “In this case, with all those new projects ... you're looking at 300-400 homes who could access it.”

However, at the March 2 Redmond City Council meeting, some city councilors expressed concern that adding funding for an expanded Quartz Park could take funding away from other, future park projects.

“Rather than just saying, ‘just go ahead,’ I'd like to see what it would affect if we do it,” councilor Jay Patrick said

at the meeting.

The council decided to have McVay look into this and report back later.

On March 3, McVay told The Bulletin that the parks department has enough funds to pay for an expanded Quartz Park, and paying more for it wouldn't hurt any future projects.

At the meeting, some councilors also expressed concern about traffic safety nearby.

The master plan shows a second, smaller portion of the park south of Quartz

Avenue, dedicated for more adult-oriented games like horseshoes, bocceball and cornhole.

But Quartz Avenue is a busy street, and the city's transportation system plan will eventually extend Quartz all the way across U.S. Highway 97 to the airport, Endicott and councilor Ed Fitch pointed out at the meeting. Crossing the street and interrupting traffic flow could be a concern, they said.

McVay said the park will have a crosswalk across Quartz Avenue, likely with flashing beacon lights. And

at the meeting, City Engineer Mike Caccavano said the extension of Quartz Avenue likely won't make the street much busier at the future park's location.

“It's all surrounded by neighborhood, so putting a park here wouldn't impact its function as a collector,” Caccavano said March 2.

City councilor Clifford Evelyn told The Bulletin that he needs more information about Quartz Park before he fully supports it. However, he likes the proposed new amenities.

“I think a parking lot for the park is important, and a restroom that actually flushes,” Evelyn said March 3. “We're in modern times, we shouldn't have port-a-potties lying around.”

If the park is built as planned, construction will start this summer and hopefully finish by late fall, McVay said.

If the city council tells the parks department to scale down Quartz Park to save funding, there would be a delay due to restarting the planning process, she said. That means construction likely wouldn't start until 2022.

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*“It's not that it's over-budget, we just (initially) estimated not fully knowing what was going to be in the park.”*

— Annie McVay, manager of Redmond's parks department

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

### Redmond Police Department

Feb. 22  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 8:03 a.m. in the 3400 block of SW 27th Street, and an arrest made. The suspect was also charged with initiating a false report. A second suspect was arrested on an in-state warrant.  
Thefts — A theft was reported at 8:53 a.m. in the 1500 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.  
Feb. 23  
Criminal mischief — Acts of criminal mischief were reported at: 8:23 a.m. in the 800 block of NE Quince Avenue.  
10:32 p.m. in the 700 block of SW Kalama Avenue.  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 7:40 p.m. in the area of SW Reindeer Avenue and SW Canyon Drive, and an arrest made. The suspect was also charged with driving while suspended or with a revoked license.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 7:08 a.m. in the 700 block of NE Redwood Avenue.  
2:15 p.m. in the 1600 block of SW Odem

Medo Road.  
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 3:33 p.m. in the area of U.S. Highway 97 and SW Glacier Avenue.  
Feb. 24  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 02/24/2021 14:24:12 885 SW RIMROCK WAY Hit and Run Case Unauthorized entry — A vehicle was reported entered at 9:13 a.m. in the 2900 block of NW Eighth Street, and an arrest made. The suspect was charged with criminal mischief and three counts each of unlawful entry to a vehicle and theft from a vehicle.  
Feb. 25  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 10:23 p.m. in the 400 block of SW Forest Avenue.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 2:13 p.m. in the 1600 block of SW Odem Medo Road.  
3:30 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane, and an arrest made.  
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 9:12 a.m. in the area of SW Glacier Avenue and SW Seventh Street.  
Feb. 26  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 3:02 p.m. in the 2400 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 10:52 a.m. in the 2800 block of NW

Canyon Drive.  
5 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane, and an arrest made. The suspect was also arrested on an in-state warrant.  
Feb. 27  
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 8:26 a.m. in the 1600 block of SW Reindeer Avenue.  
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 2:13 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.  
4:43 p.m. in the area of NW Ivy Avenue.  
Vehicle crashes — Accidents were

reported at:  
3:14 p.m. in the area of SW Wickiup Avenue and S. U.S. Highway 97, with injury.  
8:49 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Seventh Street, noninjury.  
Feb. 28  
DUII — Darnell Alberto Gorrosquieta, 22, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 8:40 p.m. in the area of NW 27th Street and NW Cedar Avenue, and was also charged with reckless driving.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run accident was reported at 12:17 p.m. in the 1700 block of NE Second Street.

### Redmond Fire Runs

Feb. 23  
11:28 a.m. Unauthorized burning, 2831 SW 24th St.  
Feb. 24  
10:03 a.m. Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill, 521 SW Sixth St.  
Feb. 25  
9:33 a.m. Brush or brush-and-grass

mixture fire, 10050 NE First St., Terrebonne.  
3:29 p.m. Downed tree, 8512 Seventh St., Terrebonne.  
Feb. 27  
6:35 a.m. Motor vehicle accident, noninjury, in the area of Northwest Way and NW Spruce Avenue.  
11:22 a.m. Vehicle accident, general cleanup, 2522 SE Jesse Butler Circle.  
3:16 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of SW Wickiup Avenue.  
Feb. 22-28: 88 Medical aid or transfer calls

### CROSSWORD

#### Milady's Wardrobe

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

**ACROSS**

1 "... she was not fond of \_\_\_": George Eliot  
5 Jeer  
10 Apparel  
14 Russian river  
15 Dried coconut meat  
16 Seed covering  
17 Deep mud  
18 Concepts  
19 Exercise authority  
20 Kind of collar  
22 Sang with lips closed  
24 Henry \_\_\_: first Tudor king  
25 Refer to  
26 Hirohito, for one  
30 Virginia city  
34 Undesirable sound  
35 Boys' school  
37 Following cyclo or magne  
38 Hail or farewell  
39 Talons  
40 Top  
41 Crivies  
43 "Darling, je vous \_\_\_": *beaucoup*  
44 Kind of steak  
46 Afternoon, in England

**DOWN**

1 Kind of shoe  
2 "... fifteen miles on the \_\_\_ Canal"  
3 Agreeably sharp  
4 Dolman and raglan  
5 Africanus, Roman general  
6 Concluding part  
7 Used with shop or season  
8 Monk's title  
9 Styles  
10 Article of clothing  
11 Sago-like starch  
12 Anger

13 Extorted money from  
21 To laugh, in Paris  
23 Miss Hagen  
25 Bragged exultantly  
26 Make into law  
27 Film  
28 Famous religious sculpture  
29 Depends  
31 Kind of deck  
32 Common language of ancient Greece  
33 Finished  
36 Beret  
39 Sleeveless undergarment  
42 Tiger markings  
44 Chinese gang  
45 Jackets or Spanish dances  
47 Subatomic particle  
49 Fit one within another again  
52 Pierce  
53 Italian river  
54 Turner  
55 Wash  
56 Roman highway  
57 Latest fashion  
58 Concerning  
59 Summers, in Paris  
62 \_\_\_ *populi*

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### SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, with no repeats.

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MEDIUM # 94

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### WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	48	26	AM Cloudy/PM sun
Thursday	49	23	Partly cloudy
Friday	55	28	Sunny
Saturday	60	33	Sunny
Sunday	54	30	Partly cloudy
Monday	47	30	Partly cloudy
Tuesday	53	31	Partly cloudy

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, March 1	62	26	0
Tuesday, March 2	62	24	0
Wednesday, March 3	67	23	0
Thursday, March 4	65	28	0
Friday, March 5	64	32	0
Saturday, March 6	49	31	0.06
Sunday, March 7	48	31	0

Precipitation to date this year: 1.11 inches  
\* = daily record  
National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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